

September 11, 2023, Unit 487 Board Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm by Paula Koeller, Unit 487 President.

Board members present: Paula Koeller, Paul Walker, Tara McMahon, Linda Rountree, Carol Holman, Karen Douek. Absent: Linda Redman

1) Approval of July minutes-Paula moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Carol Holman; approved by all

2) Treasurer report-given by Paul Walker and discussed.

-Acceptance of report-Motion by Paula Koeller; seconded by Linda Rountree; approved by all.
-Paul Walker has asked the board to purchase new sets of bridge boards. Linda Rountree proposes we allocate \$3000 to replace tournament supplies; seconded by Paula Koeller; approved by all members present.

-Price of storage space increased from \$74 to \$85 per month. Paul Walker to look for less expensive storage space.

3) Recap of sectional:

-Good turnout; administratively ran well; clean up went well
-Turn out smaller than in June
-Feedback from unit members-Food options for the sectional limited, this was discussed->attempt to broaden choices at the new venue, ok to spend more money on this if that is necessary.

4) February sectional: 2/2-2/4

-Discussion of marketing-new venue (to include pictures of the new venue); Best Western and other hotels are nearby; at least 6 restaurants in the immediate vicinity. "Save the date" flyer to be sent out in early November

-Flyer for the upcoming February sectional to be sent to Rich Carl by Tara McMahon so it can be posted on the D20 website

-Paul Walker moved to spend more money on the flyer-for better imaging/advertising. Paula Koeller forwarded the motion and seconded by Carol Holman; approved by members present.

-Marketing committee created-Jennifer Samuels, Carol Holman and Paul Walker to be on the committee.

-Hospitality-Linda Redman resigned from Hospitality. Paula Koeller to replace Linda Redman as cochair with Linda Rountree.

-Complaint-was brought forward that sectional open games should not be a play through but individual sessions. This was discussed by the board. Paul Walker (tournament chair) to decide on the tournament format.

5) ACBL Lapsed Members:

Trying to get members back. Mass email to be sent to lapsed members. Carol Holman to address. She will advise lapsed members about the change of venue for upcoming tournaments and about opportunities for reduced prices if lapsed members rejoin the ACBL by the end of October.

6) Unit 487 Bylaws:

-Tara McMahon discussed an amendment to current Bylaws to allow for self-nomination to run for the board of directors. The current Bylaws state that a nominating committee finds candidates for the board of directors. The change to the Bylaws to allow self-nomination, would go into effect as of 2025 board elections. If the board agrees, the proposed amendment would be brought to the unit members 1-2 months prior to the annual meeting to be voted on prior to or at the annual meeting.

-Therefore in 2024-follow current bylaws; 1 opening; Paul Walker's first term ends of the annual meeting in 3/2024. However, he is eligible to run again for another 3-year term.

Linda Rountree moves to allow for self-nomination and to bring the proposed changes to the bylaws to the members to vote on one month prior to or at the annual meeting; Carol Holman seconded it, and it was approved by all members present.

-Annual meeting date TBD-no later than March 31st. March 10th is being proposed as a date.

7) Paula Koeller to get a debit card -motion by Paul Walker; seconded by Karen Douek and approved by all members present. She has already been registered with the bank to get a debit card.

8) Membership directory: Jennifer Samuels will be updating the membership roster. Only a board member can get an updated monthly roster. This person is Karen Douek. She will in turn email this to Jennifer Samuels every month. Jennifer Samuels in turn will update the roster and post the updated roster on the website monthly.

9) Sunday Social bridge at PBC:

-Linda Redman to take over this responsibility from Linda Rountree. Linda Redman feels that her strengths lie there-likes teaching and getting new players involved.

-Duplicate Sundays: concept is to get newer players interested and less intimidated by duplicate bridge. This will be the first Sundays of the month-October 1st and November 4th are the next 2 dates. David Brower to run it with Linda Redman. He will be the director and will be paid.

-Discussed how we communicate to the social bridge players when there is no social bridge. Print a sign-to be posted at the front door. Linda Redman will be responsible for this. -Bridge etiquette on a card; the other side will be Carol Holman's contact information; ACBL contact information (and free for first 90 days); also, information with regards to lessons being provided in the community

-At social bridge rather than putting out a stack of boards-start with 4 boards and then shuffle and play rather than getting new boards. Motion proposed by Tara McMahon; seconded by Karen Douek and approved by all members present

10) Next meeting date-November 13th

11) Meeting adjourned at : 16:45